

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Formwork ~~adapted~~intended in use for the consecutive formation of a plurality of panels, each subsequent panel being formed upon a previous panel wherein a bed for a subsequent panel is defined by an upper surface of the previous panel, said formwork comprising a ~~bedbase,~~and a plurality of sides and corners at the intersections of the respective sides, the bed~~base and sides~~members defining a forming space for formation of a~~the panels above the bed~~, at least one side member being defined by a side member being supported by a pair of columns located at the respective corners, said at least one side member having a width at least corresponding to the desired thickness of the panels, the remaining sides closed by wall elements having a height corresponding to the thickness of a plurality of said panels, each column having locating means~~elements~~ adapted to receive and support the at least~~respective one~~ side member at a plurality of locations along the length of the column, said locations having a spacing between them substantially corresponding to the desired thickness of the panel, wherein the bed for a subsequent panel is defined by the upper surface of the previous panel and wherein the side members extend from the upper surface of the previous panel to define the forming space for the subsequent panel, wherein each column comprises a first upright member supported from a base member wherein the locating elements are spaced vertically along the upright member and the column further comprises a second upright member pivotable on the base member to be movable relative to the first upright member between a first position at which the second upright member clampingly engages the side member against the first upright member and a second position at which the second upright member is in a non-clamping engagement with the side member, and further including a retaining element provided to retain the first and second upright members in clamping engagement with the side member; said side members being vertically repositionable on said support means through a range of locations to define a moulding space at each location.

2. (Original) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein all side members are supported by respective adjacent pairs of columns.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein ~~at least one pair of opposing~~the side members has a height corresponding to the desired thickness of the ~~desired~~ panel.
5. (Currently Amended) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the locating means ~~elements~~ comprise notches in an upright side of each column, the notches adapted are configured and arranged to receive corresponding formations on the ~~at least one side member, the side member being held in engagement with the upright side of the column.~~
6. (Currently Amended) Formwork as claimed at claim 54 wherein the locating elements have shape of the notches with a shape that is configured to correspond with the shape of the formation.
7. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the locations are positioned to support a side member in closely abutting relationship to an adjacent position.
- 8 - 9 (Canceled)
10. (Currently Amended) Formwork as claimed at claim 91 wherein the ~~second upright member is secured to the first upright member by~~ retaining element comprises a pivotable top-piece which is configured and arranged adapted to engage the upper portions of the first upright member and the second upright member to hold them in the first position. ~~According to a preferred embodiment, the top-piece is adjustable.~~
11. (Currently Amended) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the panels forming space is ~~are rectangular and the bed is rectangular in plan view.~~
12. (Currently Amended) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the upper face of the panels which define the bed of the subsequent panels are separated by a is coated and/or treated ~~coating, often referred to as a release agent or~~

~~bond breaker, adapted to prevent a the subsequent panel from adhering to a the upper face previous panel.~~

13-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method for the consecutive formation of a plurality of panels utilising formwork of the form claimed at claim 1, wherein each subsequent panel being ~~is~~ formed upon a previous panel, the method comprising forming a first panel wherein the at least one side member is at its lowest position on the columns and the lower face of the first panel is formed by the base, wherein on the concrete contained in the forming space setting the subsequent panel is formed, wherein the forming of the subsequent panels comprises ~~ing positioning~~ disengaging the retaining element from the first and second upright members at the at least one side, moving the second upright members at the at least one side to their second position, locating the at first side members to extend between a ~~respective pair of~~ the first upright members support means to be engaged with the locating elements, positioning second side members to extend between a respective pair of support means, surrounding an area for casting a panel, with said first side members and said second side members, moving the second upright members to their first positions, engaging the retaining element between the upright members, and pouring concrete into said area forming space and allowing said concrete to set to form a the subsequent panel, ~~and vertically repositioning said first side members on said respective pair of support means to extend from the upper surface of the previous panel for casting a subsequent panel.~~

20-23 (Canceled)

24. (New) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the other sides have a height corresponding to the combined desired thicknesses of a number of panels,
25. (New) Formwork as claimed at claim 10 wherein the top-piece is adjustable in length .

26. (New) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein one pair of opposed sides have a height corresponding to the accumulated thickness of a plurality of panels, and the side members define the other pair of opposed sides.